Utilisation of Central Grants by Orissa

6863. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central grants in different departments of Orissa which had out been spent during 1989-90 and 1990-91, department and year-wise, and

(b) whether the Government propose to supplement these amount to the State in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) There is no unspent amount of Central grants in the State during 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Banana

6848. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether bananas are exported;

(b) if so, the countries to which it is exported; and

(c) the steps taken to increase its export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Presently, bananas are being exported to UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Maldives etc.

(c) For boosting export of agricultural products, including banana, Government has taken steps through various developmental bodies such as Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for market development, product promotion, quality upgradation, improvement in packaging, arranging buyer seller meets, participation in international trade fairs etc.

Naval Air Stations

6865. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Naval Air Stations in the country at present alongwith their locations;

(b) whether the Government have commissioned the most modern Naval Air Station INS RAJALI in Arakkonam Tamil Nadu, recently;

(c) if so, the basic features thereof; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on this project so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There are five Naval Air Stations in the country at present, located at Goa, Kochi, Arkonam, Visakhapatnam and Port Bliar.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Naval Air Station at Arakkonam has been provided with the most modern navigational, communication and other aids for undertaking, all weather, day and night operations, It will also have the longest runway in India.

(d) A sum of Rs. 86.00 crores (approx.) has been spent so far on this project.